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BOOK GROUPS IN ENGLISH 8- Unit 1

This year in English, you will have book groups that will consist of 2-3 students. Each quarter, you will receive a curated and guided list of books. You should read over the book “blurbs,” and select the book that you NEED to read! Consider your interests, the page lengths of the books as well as the complexity of the texts. You may look up reviews of the books and explore them on Amazon or Barnes & Noble’s websites. Here is the first list of books relating to **challenges that immigrants face**:

1. *Behind the Mountains* by Edwidge Danticat (fiction). A young Haitian girl is almost killed and moves to live with her father in New York. She has a difficult adjustment to the climate and challenges of living in a big city as an outsider. (192 pages)
2. *The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Paterson (fiction) Meli and her family leave war-torn Albania to live in a refugee camp in Kosovo. A church group brings them to Vermont where they face unexpected challenges after the events of 9/11. (144 pages)
3. *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston (non-fiction). This is the story of a 7-year old girl and her Japanese-American family who were forced to leave their home and live at an internment camp along with other Japanese citizens after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. (208 pages)
4. *Finding My Hat* by John Son (fiction) Jin-Han Park is a first generation American boy tries to find his way while balancing American and Korean cultures as his parents move around. (192 pages)
5. *The Good Braider* by Terry Farish (fiction, novel in verse). Viola flees her home country of South Sudan where rape is a weapon of war. After a dangerous journey, she ends up in Maine and struggles to adapt to an American culture. (217 pages)
6. *Shooting Kabul* by N.H. Senzai (documentary fiction) Fadi and his family escape from the Afghanistan and the Taliban in 2001 and immigrate to California. Years later, he returns to find his younger sister who was left behind accidentally left behind. (258 pages)

The book that I would like to select for this unit on immigration is # _____ because
